

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Teruhiko SUZUKI et al.	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: 10/571,013	)	
	)	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: March 8, 2006	)	
	)	Confirmation No. 6699
For: Encoding Method, Encoding	)	
Apparatus, Decoding Method,	)	
Decoding Apparatus and	)	
Programs Thereof	)	

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**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Sir:

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Applicants received a Notice of Abandonment, dated February 23, 2009, indicating that the above-referenced application was abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Notification of Missing Requirements letter mailed July 8, 2008. Applicants submit that this Notice of Abandonment is in error, for the reasons presented below.

On March 8, 2006, Applicants filed a transmittal letter to submit the Declaration and application for the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP2005/012772, along with a Preliminary Amendment, English translation of the application, Information Disclosure Statement, Assignment and WIPO cover sheet. The filing fee of \$1,540.00 was also submitted. Applicants attach a copy of the date-stamped receipt along with the as-filed Declaration.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn.

Because the Notice of Abandonment was issued in error, Applicants are not enclosing a petition fee. However, if the Office determines that any fee is required for this matter, please charge the required fee to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,  
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: April 15, 2008

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Enclosures  
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